SIERRA CLUB YODELER

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T.C.C. MEETING TO HEAR OF FOREST CONTROL IN WAR TIMES

Bay Chapter hikers will join members of other hiking clubs of the region on Sunday, May 3, when all trails lead to Bootjack Camp, on Mt. Tamalpais, for the annual meeting of the Tamalpais Conservation Club.

Art Blake, leader of the hike, hopes that speakers from the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Army, the State Forestry Board, and civilian agencies may make public announcement at this meeting of a plan for forest protection and fire prevention by cooperation between these various bodies.

In any case, those who contemplate recreation in coastal or Sierran forests will gain useful information as to where they may go, whether members of outdoor clubs will be called on for volunteer services.

Free coffee will be served (as usual) at lunch time, and plans are being made for an interesting entertainment as well as for the business meeting of the Tamalpais Conservation Club. BE THERE!

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

Returns from the Sierra Club annual election, held April 11, show that the 15 incumbent directors were re-elected for another year. Balloting was slightly under that of last year, approximately 40 per cent of the members voting, each chapter represented with approximate proportionality.

Have you ever eaten Russian "PIROJKI" or genuine Russian cookies and apple pie? - Can you tell the flag of old Russia from the red Soviet one? - Do you know a GENUINE Russian hand embroidered shirt and a Russian accent? Then come to the RUSSIAN SPRING PARTY in SIGMUND STERN GROVE on MAY 8th and these and many other novelties will be paraded for your delight. Never a party like this one in your schedule before!

Tickets must be sold off the grounds--so READ YOUR SCHEDULE for details... and be sure to come early. They throw us out at 11:45 even if there is a FULL MOON.

EASTER PARTY BACK FROM TESTING TRIP

Little Lakes Valley Visited

With several hundred feet of new color movies, car loads of tested equipment, tanned, burned, and/or peeling, fourteen skiers returned recently (journalistic use of the word; means over a week ago --Ed.) from the annual Easter Week ski high trip to the High Sierra. Little Lakes Valley, some 20 miles west of Bishop, was locale for most of the filming, testing, and burning. Those on the trip were Ken Adam, Lewis Clark, Charles Hanks, Don Heyneman, Randall Johnston, Park Kimbal, Harold Kirker, Charlotte Mauk, Ralph Moller, Dorothy Mortimer, Einar Nilsson, Dave Welish, John White, and Dave Brower (leader).

Owing to the volume of equipment--photographic as well as various items to be tested for the army--the group was glad to see its ski mountaineering made easy by the timely aid of a truck. Through the cooperation of the Forest Service and the U.S. Vanadium Corp., party and duff were trucked up to 10,800 feet on the restricted Pine Creek Road, so that the ski trip to the Little Lakes Base Camp required only about two hours. Last year's campsite was chosen again, with slight variation to distribute the burden on the pines which were to supply bough beds, and 9 tents were set up.

Weather Photogenic

In 1941 the weather contrived to prevent taking proper downhill running scenes for the climax of "Skis to the Sky-Land," the Club's ski-mountaineering film. This year things were different. From Saturday to Thursday night storms held off; there were enough clouds to satisfy photographers, but not enough to bother them any. Chief complaint was on the part of those who burned easily, and who would have preferred storm to glare. Since camp was at 11,000 feet, and all skiing was done above camp, the fair weather did not seriously interfere with the powder snow, which belied the calendar. Side trips (cont. P. 5)

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NOTICE

Chartered buses are no longer available due to a recent ruling of the Tire Rationing Board. All chartered bus trips will be carried on by private transportation and regular scheduled buses as far as possible. However, it may be found necessary to change some trips due to lack of transportation. Please consult Yodeler, Leaders, Club Office, or Local Talks Committee if in doubt about any trip.

Have you transportation to offer on any of the scheduled charter bus trips? If so, please advise leaders. A.E.Glenn

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE YODELER PLEASE

It will save time and paper, and delight the tired staff, if any and all contributors will send in their articles, announcements, or other tit-bits for publication, in the following form:

1. Forty (40)to forty-two (42) spaces across.
2. All lines single spaced.

If in doubt - just take a look at the Yodeler. - See how it's done? (Hope our stencil cutters make no slips tonight!)

Also-- Please note deadline time (7:30) and don't send in those "must run in this issue" articles at 10:00.

And Further-- If you'd like to help type, write, file, print,mail,moan, scream, call Harriet Myers at Skyline 4608(night) and let her know what you'd like to do and when.

LITTER BOX

Yodeleditor:

SUGGESTION

With summer coming on and many of the High Sierra Trips curtailed, might it be helpful for members going out on their own trips but with room for others to sign an information sheet in the Club office? This would permit Club members, unable to get on a scheduled trip to enjoy the companionship of others on their own. Although you may not wish to undertake the task yourself you might pass this information on to one who would.

A.Glenn.

Yodeleditor:

Now we know why skiing is so popular. On April 1st (no fooling) the Chronicle reported as follows:

"Skiing for the Yosemite Winter Club, Bill Janss, former Stanford ski captain, ran a beautifully controlled race to place seventh in the downhill, but failed to show to advantage in the saloon" (sic, or rather, hic!) -- Jim Barbour.

IN A LETTER FROM JOHN MONTGOMERY AT DENVER COLORADO: "Two days' skiing at Alta--weather stormy but schnee most powdery. Plenty steep course. Photos of all the slopes around there marked in red (avalanching--one hilled last season). Sixteen University of Minnesota fellows and five Chileans and one Bolivian. Lifts take you to 10,500 from 8,500 and another higher one going to be built.

Dick Leonard wrote home to Doris, "I had to leave my overcoat at Bill House's because it wouldn't fit on the boat." Doris wonders if they have to keep that boat warm.

THREE SKI TOURS REMAIN ON SCHEDULE

Last chance to finish parts of ski-mountaineering, third-class, and second-class tests will be provided by the three ski tours and snow-camping trips remaining on the schedule:

April 18-19 Mount Lassen.
April 25-26 Peter Grubb Hut.
May 2-3 Mount Shasta.

Those wishing to go should be nearly third class in ability, and should call Dave Brower (ASHberry 9010 days) to find what equipment they will need or may borrow.

The map and compass and snowcraft parts of the ski-mountaineering test may be passed locally. Requirements are outlined in the Manual of Ski Mountaineering

TOURS TERRIFIC

It is Sunday, March 29, a calm, sparkling spring day, and we set off ski touring toward Peter Grubb Hut from Clair Tappaan Lodge. Veteran of the ski lanes, Glen Weber leads the tourers: Jack Abernathy, Wif Anderson, Bob Eisner, Eleanor Rothchild, Mildred Schmid, and Lois Weber. It is interesting for us all to know just how much of a ski veteran Glen is. In the days before the sport of skiing was developed in our country, Glen was ski traveling into the wilderness in wintertime with the linemen for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. His thrills from skiing adventures made him one of the Sierra Club's most ardent workers and promoters for the establishment and development of Clair Tappaan Lodge.

On our Sunday trip we were soon up the south side of Boreal Ridge and from there on to our lunch site, the trip was one joyous skim from hilltop to hillside over hillock! Lunch featured kabobs, meat in small pieces broiled on a skewer, bacon and onion alternated between the meat, delicious!

Can you make a lunch chair out of your skis? Here is a chance to develop your knowledge of skiing by taking one of the tours. Beginners, here is your opportunity! It was only the second day on skis for one of the party! The help from the better skiers on the trip was worth the experience of many days of skiing. Come on a tour and feel the real thrill of skiing while you develop your technique.

Wif Anderson said as we departed from our lunch site to return to the Lodge via west Boreal and Aspen Slope, "Even though we may be in the war tomorrow, days like these are the things we remember."

Eleanor Hussey

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TUGELHOOS MENTIONS

A meeting to discuss the Gorgonio primitive area was held March 18 in Los Angeles.

Joe Momeyer of Riverside chapter presented a 26-page report against proposed development, saying he is in favor of any reasonable development of ski touring and mountaineering which will leave the area unspoiled, but against any developments involving roads or commercial establishments.

--- Sounds like true Sierra Club policy.

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When lost in the wilds of the Sierra, you will wish you had purchased, perused, your copy of THE MANUAL OF SKI MOUNTAINEERING.

R.C.S. DINNER-DANCE IMPENDING

The 10th Anniversary of the RCS will be celebrated at the Annual Dinner and Dance May 9. Rock-climbers both old and new are invited to attend and make this a real get-together. Stags are welcome. The dinner will be held at Zerikote's on Lake Merritt and will be semi-formal. Highlights of the evening include a delicious steak dinner and a moonlight boat ride, followed by dancing in the dining room. Tickets, on sale at $1.65 a person can be purchased from the following:

Jean Koskinen	Bernice Bonds
Barbara Tackle	Jean Alpern
Shirley Dawson	Raffi Bedayan

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JOINT TRIP

PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT April 25-26.

Chartered bus is not available. Trip will go on, via private transportation. If you need or can provide transportation please inform leaders.

Claire Winter MOntrose 6520
Francis Bramhall PRospect 9306
Rock Climbing Committee

A.E.Glenn

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CORRECTED COPY

In an interesting paragraph largely devoted to the YODELER'S inaccuracy, The Tugelhoos says: 'Virginia Wright, M.D., Box 1170 Stockton, succeeds Al Jerould (now in the army) as BONANZA editor, Loma Prieta (sic) chapter news dispenser.' Mother Lode Chapt, will you correct the muddled TUGELHOOS?



THE YODELER WELCOMES

David Bridge Farquhar
Born March 27
and
Robert Aiken Heimbucher
Born March 28

and heartily congratulates the firm of
Farquhar and Heimbucher

XCEEDINGLY XCEPTIONAL XPLORATIONES:

Wayne Smith Writes From Mexico:

Last Sunday (Feb. 15) I took a hike with the "grupe A" of the Club Explorationes de Mexico--- and not to Popacatepatl either, and was so exhausted at the end that I took two days off to recuperate.

When asked whether I wanted to walk much or little, I answered "much", and was guided into "grube A". This group is composed of the most energetic hikers and they gave me a terrific workout. We gathered in the suburb of Tacubaya and took a long streetcar ride to a remote hillside station called La Venta. It was very like a Sunday hike hike in Marin with the Sierra Club: the same rich variety of individual equipment and costume; the same familiar conversational repartee; one noticeable difference- a great amount of singing, and rather good quality singing, too.

We left La Venta about 9 :20 A.M. and took a path through lovely pine woods. Our destination--- a peak called Cerro de la Campana--- proved to be 17½ miles away, about 5 hours hiking. The leaders went at a Lillian Ball pace-- almost a Dave Brower pace--, and stopped to rest precisely once in the entire hike. It was up and down through fine forests and over beautiful meadows reminiscent of the Coast Range of California. In the last half hour we had to make the climb to the top, which was pretty exhausting. It was as though we had started from Sausalito to climb Tamalpais ; when we reached Mill Valley, instead of resting a bit, this party tore into the climb with redoubled energy. Well, this particular hiker brought up the rear at his own deliberate pace.

Lunch on the summit (about 10,500 ft. above sea level) at 2 :30 P.M.--and what a lunch! All that Newton Bell said about Mexican hikers' lunches is true! I was living on my lunch of oranges, bread, and water in ample quantities. My hosts were spreading out three kinds of meat, canned delicacies, five kinds of fruitjuices plus beer, tequila, vast quantities of bread, tortillas, and chile peppers.

The view was sensational. In the east the the two great volcanoes, Popocatepetl and Ixtacihuatl reared their snowy summits far into the sky where they glittered in the sun. In the west rose the Nevado de Toluca, looking a lot like Mt. Lassen--a gray-brown pile of ashes with streaks of snow....

(and we thought the Mexicans were lazy!)



SUMMER TRIPS RUMORS ONLY

The following are rumors only, but as no facts can be given for some time, they will have to suffice. The High Trip this summer will be for two weeks only, July 11 to 25. Starting from Mineral King,,it will take in a loop including such euphonious names as Shotgun Pass, Sky Parlor Meadow, Big Arroyo, To quote Ike Livermore, authority on that region, "Mineral King? Best scenery in the mountains, best campsites in the mountains, best feed in the mountains, best fishing in the mountains!" You get the idea.

Official announcement will be made in the bimonthly which will come out when(and if)) D. Brower gets on his horse.

BASE CAMP

Rumors here are that the Base Camp will be settled in the Little Lakes Valley during the two weeks following the High Trip.

BURRO TRIP--MORE RUMORS

The burro trips will be "somewhere in the Sierra" led by Haven Jorgenson(maybe), Dick Felter(ditto) Ben Cummings (likewise), Stew Kimball (faint chance). There will also be burros.

HIGH HORSE--REPEAT ON RUMOR

We hope there will be one--which, after all is a very conservative statement and one which applies accurately to each announcement above. **********

(This was written three weeks ago. The closer we get to summer, the rumor and less fact the above becomes. Ed.)

ADD-LIBEING

Civil war in the Sierra Club! Such is the conclusion the Yodelreader must reach after examining the latest issue of the Southland Ski View, Big Pines Ski Club news sheet at the S. C. Library. Under the headline, "Gorgonio Argue-Fest Held, the paper recounts the recent Forest Service hearing on the question of removing the primitive classification from the Mt. San Gorgonio area. As the article states, "the Sierra Club as a whole did not make a unified stand."

were made to the col east of Bear Creek Spire, to a saddle east of the Abbot glacier; Bear Creek Spire was climbed for the second ski ascent, by Ken Adam, Ralph Moller, and John White while Lewis Clark and Randy Johnston made a second ascent of Peak 12,887. A ski attempt on Mount Abbot was planned for Friday, but early Friday morning the weather finally broke; inasmuch as the party was planning on leaving Saturday, and there would be no point in sitting out a storm for one day, the group retreated to Bishop for Friday lunch.

Science Has its Day

Skiers who may have missed the maximum-minimum thermometer from its usual tree just outside Clair Tappaan Lodge will be happy to know that it was not stolen. It was merely borrowed to add weight to the Little Lakes tests of Army equipment. On hand to be investigated were tents, air mattresses, fiber mattresses, sleeping bags--some of them designed for temperatures of 60 below. Unhappily, no such low temperatures were experienced, but much valuable data were obtained for the report to be made by Einar Nilsson to the army as he is the chairman of a regional testing committee. Some of the items showed much promise, and altho a veteran ski mountaineer might not be particularly excited about the designs, since they have been used for sometime on Sierra Club winter trips, it is encouraging to know that the Army, long wedded to simple blankets and pup tents, is carrying on such research.

If the temperatures were mild so far as testing was concerned, the wind certainly was not. The party never ceased to marvel that the tents stood up under it. Favorite occupation of a windy evening was lying in snug sleeping bags within the tents to listen to the gales. They could be heard to approach, working into a frenzy in the distant pines, the tent walls meanwhile flapping like violently shaken rugs. Then the wind would really hit the tents, rattling the fabric to the limit. As a gust would go by the walls would practically collapse, be showered noisily with flying snow dust and crust; then with each momentary decrease in velocity the tents would inflate violently, sucking in a refreshing shower of powder snow --not enough to wet or cover anything, but just enough for a brief chill. Veterans in the party re-assured the apprehensive ones that this was nothing--they should see what the tents would really stand up under.

Downhill Ski Mountaineering Improves.

As will be readily perceived by those who get a chance to see the new movies, the downhill technique of ski mountaineers has improved appreciably in recent years. They will reach this conclusion primarily because most of the action was provided by Lewis Clark, Charles Hanks, and John White. Clark takes the prize for stability, and could probably have counted his falls, for the entire trip on one hand, even if he had been Three-Fingered Jack. John White, with several years of racing on Eastern trails behind him, was probably the most agressive. Hanks was chief exponent and exhibitor of the Dream Turn, which might be defined as a parallel christiania executed with such perfection as a good skier might dream of attaining-and executed in dreamlike slow motion, but paradoxically enough, at high speed. If this definition is confusing, the turn itself is not. It is the epitome of all the beauty of downhill skiing.

It is morbidly interesting to add that the same Charles Hanks, skiing on Signal Hill the following Sunday, was variously mistaken for Engl, Pfeiffer, Klein and other great names combined in one; also that he got into an argument with a stump which was coming up the hill without calling "Track!" and fractured a rib. That the stump was entirely at fault will be realized by all who see the Dream Turn performed by its originator.

For Plutocrats Only.

The question "Why don't more persons go on ski mountaineering trips" has often been pondered, but never too successfully answered. Perhaps it need not be answered, for more persons are going ski mountaineering and ski touring each year. But a possible explanation of the delay in universal interest appeared Wednesday morning in camp. All but the Bear Creek Spire climbers were warming up on the rock outcrops near the tents, even as late as noon, when someone suggested that the bedraggled looking camp probably represented quite an investment. Inventory followed, the replacement value being computed for tents, sleeping bags, packs, stoves, skis, ski clothes, photographic equipment, and odds and ends. The total, conservative at that, for the 14 persons was $4,000.

As soon as inventory was over, some person in the party became appalled at the inactivity of the 11 supposedly industrious (P.6

LOMA PRIETA PRATTLE

We have enjoyed two joint trips with the Bay Chapter in the last two weeks. Our Blossom Trip, L.P. leader, Madge Kinder, suffered a delayed start because chartered bus from S.F., last of its kind for the duration, had an attack of spring fever and was about half an hour late in arriving in Los Gatos. This was soon forgotten, however, as the courageous driver attempted to negotiate the turns of Overlook Road. His jittery load was soon looking over the road edge, balancing with one wheel in the air. Dr. Rollin Irons photographed the dance.

The hiking along the brushy slopes allowed frequent views of prune orchard squares like white patches all over the Santa Clara Valley. We sniffed the fragrant wild lilac, admired first violets and ignored the poison oak. Unfortunately the p.o. couldn't take the hint.

Arriving at John Brown's widow's home we had lunch, toured the house with the custodian and touched the tree tops in a super-swing. Going back a short way over our trail we tiptoed thru a popular hillside botanical lecture to join a game of baseball.

Sunday's Mt. Diablo trip along a seldom hiked ridge and canyon was led by Larry Armstrong, Dave Davidson and John Dyer.

Hardy Loma Prietans disregarded a stormy sky to follow Hildreth Kotsch on a ten-mile walk in Purissima Canyon. The crowd met at Kings Mountain Inn and were rewarded for their optimism by perfect hiking weather. It really was a high fog this time.

J. A.

Report on overnight trip to Pinnacles region led by Frank Lewises and the Hermann Horns in next Yodeler.

OWNERS WANTED

Yodeleditor:- Perhaps the readers of your columns may include in their number the owners of the assortment of gadgets and impedimenta that has accumulated in my car during the winter:

2 Cal rooter's caps 1 Blue toque
1 Austrian climbing hatl Ski cap, (visor)
1 Storm visor (plain) 1 pr Bunny mittens
1 Bottle eye dope,glasses 3 socks
1 pr striped wool ski mits 1 screw driver
1 pr dark glasses in case

Does anyone want to help me spring/clean? Meanwhile, who, who went on the first Desolation Trip, came out with a small brown bag with a dab of yellow paint on it and a ski repair kit inside it? This was borrowed from Dick Leonard for the trip, and has wandered.

-Dave Brower

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SIERRA CLUB
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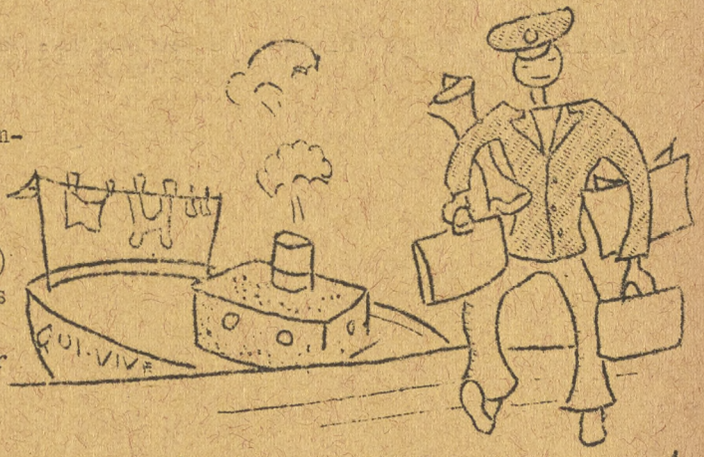
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David Bridge Farquhar	Walter A.Starr
Berkeley	Wm.E.Colby
Paul H.Williams. . . .	Ann Messick
Berkeley	Alberta Wright

ARMY HAS YACHTS OF FUN

Yodeler's reporter on the Far (as Wash. D.C.) East sends this flash:

Dick Leonard, Bestor Robinson, Bob Bates and Adams Carter, the latter two of K-2 Expedition fame, are living on the recently acquired Robinson "Yacht", housing conditions in the Nation's capital being more condition than house.

Rent is simple--they're docked each month. Food is no problem--fish out the port hole. Sports? certainly--skate around the decks when icy, swimming when it's all swept into the river. Sierra Club members must be sure to drop in on these old salt mountaineers when they are on official business in Washington, D.C.



HOME WAS NEVER LIKE THIS!

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ski mountaineers present.

"Let's go skiing!" he said.

"Not me," replies Park Kimbal, "I can't risk my equipment."

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

In spite of coolish, windy weather yesterday's wildflower trip in the Sausalito hills was greatly enjoyed. Some dozen or so Natural Science Section members were present to help identify the many flowers seen. Tom Howell spoke on the historical background of many of those encountered.(Gossip? Ed) A group of nearly 20 returned more leisurely in order not to miss any of the flowery displays. Their reward was the discovery of a parasitic broom-rape never before seen in that locality. D.J.

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 17

Monthly meeting in room 360 mills Tower at 7:30 P.M. Several interesting reels on bird life will be shown These sound pictures will enable you to hear recordings of bird songs made in the field by Dr.Arthur A. Allen of Cornell University. Don't fail to see and hear these excellent movies.

Sunday, April 26

Redwood canyon, East Bay Regional Park is the location of our next bird trip. Bring binoculars. Take 8:15 A.M. bus from Santa Fe Terminal 44 4th St., to Hopkins Street and 35th Ave. in Oakland. There take No. 54 bus, leaving at 8:56 to Redwood Rd. Leave bus where it turns off Redwood Rd. Continue out Redwood Rd. to Reginal Park (about 1 mile). East Bay people meet others where they leave No. 54 bus.

Monday, April 27

The Botany class meets this evening instead of Friday in order to study selected wild flower specimens. Any one interested in wildflower identification methods is invited to attend. 7:30 P.M. Room360 Mills Tower.

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MT. SHASTA SNOWS SURVEYED

Shasta snow survey was started in 1930, the measurements being made by Howard Simcox in conjunction with other local men,first Mack Olberman,first custodian of the Shasta Alpine Lodge, then with his brother,Earl. Both Simcox boys have been drafted and the survey is now made by the Forest Service. At the end of March a normal pack was re-

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SHASTA SNOW CON'T

ported. An average of 112 inches of packed snow was found on the32 core course on the Horse Camp flat at 8000 ft. This indicates possibility of good skiing in the vicinity of the Lodge until mid-June at least and on the higher slopes until late July.

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CORPORAL MALCOLM SMITH SENDS THIS FROM ALASKA

"One might suppose that there would be lots of good skiing up here in the"Land of the Midnight Sun" , but the most snow we ever had on the ground was about one foot early in November. During most of the last three months there has been none. We have had some good ice for skating, but only during the short cold spells.

The mountains are impressive, in some cases possessing saw-tooth crests, most of those near here being less than 3000 ft. I have climbed only two peaks, easy ascent but was rewarded by magnificent views,in one case of a long line of snowy peaks on the mainland, the Alaska Range, including Mt. Katmai, near the Valley of the Ten Thousand Smokes. The short days and bad weather made any extended trips impossible. I haven't seen any Kodiak bears but there must be a few around judging from the stories!Most delightful of our animals is the ermine, in its white coat and black-tipped tail. They show great interest and curiosity toward humans. There are white snow shoe rabbits and the frog ptarmigan to blend with the snow.

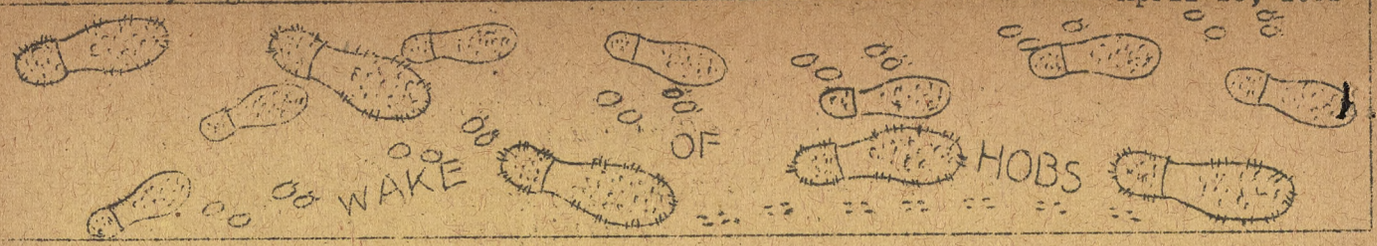


The town is an old one and in spite of the recent boom still shows many indications of its age notably the old Russian church with its oddly shaped spires and wealth of gold ornamentation inside. There are still log houses,even one on the main street , now the "Log Cabin Liquor Store".

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B. Lawrence

FOR SALE Sleeping bag--2340 Clay St West 8000



BLOSSOM TRIP IDEA IDEAL

Ideal weather. Ideal scenery. Ideal hike. These were enjoyed by two ideal groups on the Bay-Prieta Blossom Trip Sunday, Mar. 29th, to the old home of the widow of John Brown, overlooking the beautiful Santa Clara Valley and Hamilton Range.

One cannot help but enjoy listening to Elsie Lovegrove's talks on chaparral, etc. She has a way about her that is ideal (our theme song).

Fourteen of the 73 outdoor lovers (I mean lovers of the great outdoors) had a walloping good time in a 5½-inning ballgame. Score 5-5. In fact it was so wallopping that another bat suffered a compound fracture. It was the second one of Arthur Furnas' to be so injured. (If everyone doesn't keep that trade-mark up, we will have to get bats too heavy to swing.)



We had the honor and privilege not only of riding in the last chartered bus (for the duration) but also of crawling aft to use the emergency exit door on the port side as it lay at almost a 45° angle hanging onto the edge of the road. A crack in the road, at a short turn, the length of the bus, and the extra heavy engine-weight at the stern, all co-ordinated at the right moment to cause it to leave the road. Fortunately, no one was injured or shocked, and it happened a few yards from the parking place. Another bus was sent to return us to the city.

And on the subject of "no more chartered buses": those of us who have tires that

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are not too much worn, could volunteer to help by taking those less fortunate (?) on the remaining four scheduled bus trips.

I suppose if any one (or more) wanted to hire a drive-ur-self truck (not using name of Sierra Club) it could be made into a gay old-time hay-ride. What say?

Art Furnas

MT DIABLO... Joint Trip Mother Lode and Loma Prieta. Nine Bay Chapter members (no guests made the trip to the top of Diablo in wind rain and mud. Crossing Mitchell Creek at high water exactly fourteen times on the way to Deer Flat started the trip off in great style. A community lunch was enjoyed at the summit in an old tool shed out of wind and rain. On the return Dixie Woodburn modeled what every well dressed hiker should wear in strong wind and galloping dew (L.A.'s definition of precipitation).

INCENDIARY BOMBS EVERY HIKER SHOULD KNOW

The Civilian Protection course given by the A.W.V.S. describes two types of incendiary bombs which hikers may encounter on their jaunts.

One, the so-called "home made bomb", has actually been found planted in California. It is a phosphorus bomb intended to set fires in forests or agricultural districts, and is made in an ordinary small milk bottle or in a cream bottle. Phosphorus, in this case a yellow powder, is placed in the bottom of the bottle. Above it are a wick and water. Left uncovered, the water dries and the bomb ignites; the bottle breaks, and the burning phosphorus is released. Anyone who discovers a suspicious-looking milk bottle should lose no time in burying it--at least six inches deep--and notifying the authorities.

The other bomb also uses phosphorus. Made of gun cotton, shaped like a leaf and painted to look like a leaf, it is impregnated with phosphorus, carried in water tanks in planes, and released from high altitudes. The leaves dry as they fall, ignite, and set fire to inflammable dry grass, leaves, etc.

Of course, the latter are only to be expected if enemy planes fly over our fields and forests, but the first named bomb could be planted by fifth columnists at any time, so that one is justified in regarding with suspicion stray bottles containing yellow powder.